

2018 Utility Rate Notice

Effective with usage beginning January 1, 2018, the water and sewer utility rates have increased as follows:

Water Rate -



Increased from \$6.37 to **\$6.62** / 1,000 gals

Sewer Rate -



Increased from \$7.03 to **\$7.24** / 1,000 gals

The increased rates will result in a minimum quarterly utility bill of:

\$124.74 Water & Sewer

+ \$ 1.59 MN Service Connection Fee

+ \$ 6.00 Stormwater Utility Fee

\$132.33 Total Minimum Quarterly Bill

(A minimum bill includes up to 9,000 gals of usage)

Brush Pick-Up Dates

The Brush Pick-Up dates for the next three months will be April 23 - 27, May 21 - 25, and June 25 - 29. Place your brush near your regular refuse pickup site by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of these weeks and our city Public Works employees will remove the brush. They will attempt to complete the pickup during the scheduled week, but the schedule may be pushed back due to their workload or weather conditions.

Splash Pad Opening Date

The Splash Pad at Rivers Edge Park is scheduled to open Memorial Day Weekend. Please check the city website, on channel 181, and on our Facebook or Twitter accounts to confirm the opening date.

New RV Dump Station

The city has a new RV Dump location opening soon at the new Public Works Facility at 670 17th Ave S. Watch for the official opening date on the city website, on channel 181, and on our Facebook and Twitter accounts.



The previous location along 13th Avenue North will no longer be available.

Building Permit Reminder



Building Permits are not only required for new construction, but also for reroofing, replacing windows, siding, decks, fences, and remodeling.

Building Permit Applications can be found on the website at: www.ci.waitepark.mn.us or at city hall or by contacting the Building Department at: (320)656-8936.

New Utility Billing Software

Exciting changes are coming soon! The city is moving to a new financial software, including utility billing and receipts. With this change, comes more options for receiving and paying your bill! You will be able to elect to receive your bills electronically through email and you will have the option to pay your bill online! Credit and Debit cards will soon be acceptable forms of payment, too!

All of these changes are not currently available, but will be in the near future. More information will be coming!

Property Maintenance Reminder

The City Code prohibits storage of rubbish items outside including trash, furniture, appliances, old machinery, motor vehicle parts and tires, unused building materials, yard waste, and other unsightly items. Take advantage of the Special Large Item Pick-Up on May 5th to dispose of these items.



Please be good neighbors and keep yards clean and be sure to clear your yard of any animal wastes. Help us keep Waite Park looking great this spring!

Flowers for Waite Park

Volunteers meet the last Thursday of each month at the old Public Works Facility at 602 3rd St S. You are always welcome to join them!

If you are interested in volunteering, or if you would like more information, please contact Lorraine at 320-529-8640.

Yard Waste Site Opening Soon

The yard waste site will be opening soon—watch the website, TV channel 181, Facebook or Twitter for the exact date.

Opening Date until May 31:	6:30 AM-8:00 PM
Jun 1 - Jul 31:	6:00 AM-9:00 PM
Aug 1 - Aug 31:	6:00 AM-8:00 PM
Sep 1 - Sep 30:	7:00 AM-8:00 PM
Oct 1 - Oct 31:	8:00 AM-6:00 PM
Nov 1 until Closing:	7:00 AM-5:00 PM

Key cards issued in previous years will need to be renewed at city hall for \$5.00 to gain access to the yard waste site during the current year.

New permits and keycards are available at city hall for the purchase price of \$10.00.

Full details are available on the website.



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(320)252-6822

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Special Large Item Pick-up

The next Special Large Item Pick-up is :

Saturday, May 5, 2018

beginning at 7:00 a.m.

This service is for Waite Park residents ONLY. Apartment tenants, businesses and members who do not receive city-provided refuse service are not entitled to this special pick-up.

Items Accepted

Electronic equipment
(including TVs and Computers)

Appliances

(No more than one of each type per property)

Furniture

Carpet

Minimal Demolition Materials

Yard Waste—**only if in compostable bags**

- **Compostable plastic bags showing this logo**



Or

- **Kraft Paper (eco) Bags**



What is Acceptable Yard Waste?

Acceptable yard waste is considered to only be **grass clippings, leaves and garden waste.**



Tree branches and brush from trees or hedges are **not** considered yard waste for the Large Item Pick-up. You need to place these items out for Brush Pick-up or bring them to the city Yard Waste Site.

Items Not Accepted

Tires

Any Liquids

(Including: Cooking Oils, Motor Oil, Fuel, Antifreeze, Paints, Stains and Varnish) Fluorescent Light Bulbs Car Batteries

Button Batteries or Rechargeable Batteries

Full or Partially Full Aerosol Cans

Construction Materials

Concrete

Please go to the Stearns County website to find where these hazardous materials are accepted:

www.co.stearns.mn.us/Environment/

[RecyclingandWasteDisposal/](#)

[DisposingofHouseholdHazardousWaste](#)

The Stearns County Household Hazardous Waste Facility is open west of Mills Fleet Farm.

Take Co Rd 138 to 34th Ave S to:

3601 5th St S, Waite Park Phone: (320)255-6140

Hours: Mon 8-5; Tues-Fri 8-4:30;

and the third Sat of each month 8-Noon

Tornado Safety Information

What To Do During a Tornado Event

In a House With a Basement

Avoid windows. Get in the basement and under some kind of sturdy protection (heavy table or work bench), or cover yourself with a mattress or sleeping bag. Know where very heavy objects rest on the floor above (pianos, refrigerators, waterbeds, etc.) and do not go under them. They may fall down through a weakened floor and crush you.



In a House With No Basement

Avoid windows. Go to the lowest floor, small center room (like a bathroom or closet), under a stairwell, or in an interior hallway with no windows. Crouch as low as possible to the floor, facing down; and cover your head with your hands. A bath tub may offer a shell of partial protection. Even in an interior room, you should cover yourself with some sort of thick padding (mattress, blankets, etc.), to protect against falling debris in case the roof and ceiling fail.

In a Car or Truck

Vehicles are extremely dangerous in a tornado. If the tornado is visible, far away, and the traffic is light, you may be able to drive away from its path by moving at right angles to the tornado. Otherwise, park the car as quickly and safely as possible -- out of the traffic lanes. Get out and seek shelter in a sturdy building. If in the open country, run to low ground away from any cars (which may roll over on you). Lie flat and face-down, protecting the back of your head with your arms. Avoid seeking shelter under bridges, which can accelerate the wind while offering little protection against flying debris.

Child Car Seat Checks

Many car seats are installed incorrectly in vehicles. Check-up events are held monthly from 3-6 pm at Gold Cross Ambulance at 2800 7th St N, St Cloud. Appointments are required and can be made by calling (320) 251-7393. The 2018 Car Seat Check-up Event Dates are as follows: (all dates are on Wed)

May 16th

June 20th

July 18th

Aug 15th

Sept 19th

Oct 10th

Nov 14th

Remember: The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends keeping children rear facing until the age of 2, or as long as your seat allows.

For more information check out the Ultimate Car Seat Guide from Safe Kids Worldwide.

<https://www.safekids.org/ultimate-car-seat-guide/>

Night to Unite 2018

Night to Unite will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 7th. Start thinking about your neighborhood party now! Registrations forms will be available on the City website starting in June.



Senior Cookout – August 2018

The Waite Park Police Department will be hosting another senior cookout in August. The cookout is free to all Waite Park residents ages 55+. More information will be available in the next newsletter. We hope to see you there!